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SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM: Please remember to phone in your child's absence: 905 857-7582.
The answering machine is available 24 hours - Messages are picked up regularly.

For the latest school updates go to: <http://www.dpccsb.org/NICHO>

JUNE 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of St. Nicholas School for welcoming me and allowing me the privilege of serving your children as Principal of this wonderful school.

I have been very fortunate to have had the experience of working with such an incredibly talented and caring staff who worked so diligently to provide the best possible education for each of our students. A special thank you is extended Mrs. Fay and Mrs. Burt who continue to manage the front office with care. To staff who will be leaving us, Ms. Nicoletta, Ms. Mastrangelo and Ms. Clarot, we thank you for your commitment to St. Nicholas School and ask for God's blessing to watch over you. Special thank you is extended to Mr. Vecchiarino for all his efforts on behalf of our school.

Throughout our school year we benefited from a very close association with our parish of Holy Family. We thank Father Peter Choi and Father Larry Leger for their spiritual support, guidance and leadership. We wish Father Peter congratulations and all the best as he moves on as Pastor of his own parish in Oshawa.

Thank you to our parent community for your continued support, your hours of volunteering and the patience and understanding that you have provided us throughout this year. A very special thank you goes out to our school council who has worked so diligently over this year. Your dedication and hard work is truly commendable. We thank you for the countless hours that you have put into supporting the traditions and successes of St. Nicholas School

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our deepest thank you to Superintendent Cathy Saytar as she prepares to move to a new Family of schools in the South of Mississauga, and to Trustee Frank Di Cosola, for their continued support of St. Nicholas School community.

On behalf of the staff at St. Nicholas School, we wish all of our school community a very safe and happy summer holiday.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR PRAYER

Lord God our school has shared many things this year.

We were linked by common tasks and time together.

This month we say good bye and end our school year.

Lord bless our students, teachers and staff, especially those we will not see again.

Keep each of us in your care during the coming summer and throughout our lives.

Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts until we gather once again in your Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: OUR FOUNDATION ON THE ROAD TO EXCELLENCE

LOOKING BACK THIS PAST MONTH

These past several weeks have been full of activity for students and staff. Looking back to Catholic Education Week in early May, celebrating *Good News For All*, students engaged in a number of activities highlighting our faith and the importance of Catholic Education. Music Monday witnessed our grades 1-3 students participate in a nation-wide sing-along. In our opening liturgy for CEW, grade 5 and grade 8 students combined to present a powerful dramatization of bullying prevention within the context of our faith. Later in the week, our school faith ambassadors lead the entire school in a school wide retreat. Students leading students in celebrating our faith is testimony of the student leadership we embrace. Blue Veil entertained us with rock'n Christian music in the afternoon. The week concluded with a virtue assembly, highlighting the virtue of *love*. We thank parents who were able to join us for a variety of activities throughout this week.

The month continued with a number of highlights, including a *Grade 2 all day retreat*, *Read Me A Story Pajama evening*, *Welcome to Kindergarten evening for parents*, a *Quebec trip for our Intermediate* students, a *drama presentation* by our drama club, and a further virtue assembly celebrating the virtue of *acceptance*.

Our intermediate boys and girls soccer teams continued their quest for a pennant and our track and field team is set to compete later this week.

LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead to the next three weeks, activities are not slowing down. On Friday we have a volunteer appreciation assembly, please join us if you can! On the 17th we will be hosting a Play Day for grades 1-6 with a staff and student baseball game in the afternoon. Graduation for our grade 8 students will take place on the evening of June 18, at Holy Family Church and an SK Celebration of Learning will be hosted at the School the next day on June 19th. We also have a Virtue assembly, a Talent Show and a Family Community Barbecue to squeeze in. Please see the 'dates' section of the newsletter, or visit the school website for more details.

RECENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

At the May board meeting we learned that our Superintendent of Schools, Cathy Saytar, will be moving to a Mississauga Family of Schools. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Ms. Saytar for all she has done in support of St. Nicholas School and the Caledon, Dufferin, Malton, Brampton Family of Schools. The incoming Superintendent of schools will be Paul McMorrow. We welcome Mr. McMorrow to St. Nicholas School and look forward to working with him.

In addition, Ms. Clarot was appointed the Vice-Principal of St. John the Baptist School. Congratulations to Ms. Clarot, she will be a wonderful addition to her new school community.

We also learned, at this same board meeting, of the appointment of Mr. Tony Maiolo, who will be replacing Mr. Vecchiarino as the new vice principal of St. Nicholas School starting September, 2009. We welcome Mr. Maiolo to St. Nicholas School.

REPORT CARDS

The last day of school for students and staff is Friday, June 26th. Third term report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, June 23rd. Reports for students who are not present will be mailed to their home address. If you wish to discuss the report card, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet on or before June 26th.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please consider joining our School Council next year. We are always happy to have new members added to the Council. Many hands and voices lighten the load for all. We would like to thank our School Council for their continued support of our students here at St. Nicholas School. Their numerous contributions to the school this year have been amazing. Special thank you to the School Council for hosting a recent 'Staff Appreciation Luncheon'. Yum! Yum! The gesture was truly appreciated.

HEALTH ALERT

Please be aware we continue to be an **ALLERGEN AWARE SCHOOL**. Thank you to parents who have supported our 'no food' birthday celebration policy. Thank you for continuing to check for appropriate ingredients as students come to school daily with their snacks and lunches. Rest assured that your diligence is greatly appreciated by the parents and the students who have these allergies. The last day of school is one of the four days we permit students to bring in food. **Please note that on the last day of school, if students do bring in celebratory foods, they must be free of peanuts and peanut by-products.**

STUDENT MEDICATION

We ask that all students who have medications stored in the office pick up their medications on the last day of the school year – June 26th. If your child's medical condition changes over the summer, please inform the school in September.

SACRAMENTS

We wish to congratulate the students in grade 2 who received the sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time in late April and May. We also wish to congratulate our grade 8 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. These young adults have taken an important step in their commitment to the Church. As a Faith Community, we rejoice with them in the important steps that they have taken in their faith development. We celebrate and we acknowledge the students and those who have devoted their time and efforts in supporting our pupils along the way. The list includes teachers, parents, volunteers and the parish team who worked hard in preparing our students for this sacrament. A special thank you to Father Larry and Father Peter.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

VIRTUE CELEBRATION

Congratulations to the following students received certificates for the virtue of love: Melissa F. Kelsey L. Romeo S. Francesco T. Nicolette S. Amber M. Kyle N. Alexandra S. Jessica H. Krystina H. Brandon C. Joseph D. Kourtenay F. Nicole R. Yasmin S. Michael M. Alessia F. Lucas F. Nicole A. Mikaela D. Connor R. Jordan M. Alyson N. Nicholas D. Matea M. Aria S. Jade H. Michael L. Luca P. Filomena C. Caietta M. Marianna P. Michael S. David A. Thomas F.



Luis R. Megan B. Fiorenza C. Cristina G. Nicole R. Thomas M. Mia M. Adrianna M. Freddy I. Emily S. Delorian W. Leilanni U. Olivia M. Isabella O. Michael G. Paige M. Matthew S. Ashley H. Ethan G. Franco C. Alexia F. Victoria E. Matthew M. Daniela C. Sierra M. Brandan P. Tandie T. Matteo C. Kayley A. Dyllan B.

Ciara G. Vaughn C. Michael V. Emma C. Emily D. Naomi P. Isabella A. Elisa G. Alessia M. Callum S. Victoria V. Matthew P. Bethel R. Jenna M. Natalie H. Jacob T. Thank you to Ms. Breda, Ms. DiMarco, Ms. Micalef-Tonna, Ms. Cimolai, Ms. Campeau-Deamer, Ms. McGoldrick, Mr. Lise, Ms. Demers, Ms. Mantenuto, and Ms. Baldwin.



Thank you to our special cast of parents who brought Pizza to our students twice a month!

Kindergarten students visit Home Depot for a special craft!



SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRE



Grade 8 students pose for pictures in front of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, one of several tourist attractions visited while in Quebec.



Students perform in a French Play



Over 100 JK students and parents gathered for a Welcome To Kindergarten Evening

THANK YOU TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS

DATES AHEAD

RECIPIENTS FOR THE VIRTUE OF ACCEPTANCE

Congratulations to the following students for receiving 'acceptance' recognition this past month: Gabriel T. Tiffany T. Lucas F. Pietro G. Savana J. Gabby P. Paul R. Andrew S. Shawna M. Robyn N. Alex C. Luca A. Rachel D. Jordan P. Calvin V. Marie D. Andrew C. Conrad B. Giancarlo G. Kyle V. Kayleigh O. Nicholas P. Victoria T. Christian T. Michael C. Vanessa A. Cristian C. Francesco B. Daniella G. Adrian P. Craig B. Lucas T. Melissa F. Dominik G. Tyler G. Sara D. Sara C. Matteo M. Vincent V. Sabrina D. Joseph M. Noah B. Dennis D. Anne Marie D. Siena C. Jacob J. Daniel L. Victoria T. Daine W. Elisa M. Kayla W. Sara F. Luca C. Ryan O. Victoria C. Matthew G. Christopher S. Isabella R. Anthony I. Brandon M. Andrew R. Gianluca M. Angela C. Sophia G. Michael L. Tula N. Amanda P. Ariana C. Dorian O. Lucas M. Alessandra I. Nicolas A. Daniela I. Artemis A. Marco E. Sean M. Julian C. Julia V. Jordan O. Viviana A. Victoria C. Zachary R. Jaida V. Alessandro M. Jacob T. Anthony A. Brennon B. Julia L. Martina P. Matthew G. Ella G. Abigail G. Victoria V. Jonathan B. Alex D. Angel P. Michael M. Jessica C.

ROOM IS STILL AVAILABLE

Summer Literacy Camp for students in SK to Grade 6, will take place in the month of July, specifically, July 6-July 31, between the hours of 9am-12pm. The camp will take place at St. Nicholas School. There will be a fee for the program and no transportation will be provided. More information can be obtained from your child's classroom teacher.

FAMILY COMMUNITY BARBECUE

Hosted by the Parent Council

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

All Are Welcome

JUNE

- 9 Reptilia Trip, Grade 2
- 10 Year End Mass, 9:30 and 11:00
- 11 School Council Meeting
- 12 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY P.M. during the day-TBA
- 12 Intermediate Girls Outdoor Soccer
- 12 Freezie Friday
- 17 Play Day, A.M.
- 17 Staff – Student Baseball
- 18 GRADE 8 GRADUATION – 7:00 p.m. Holy Family Church
- 19 SK CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
- 19 Freezie Friday
- 22 Grade 7 Barbecue – All Day at Park
- 22 VanDenHoek Farms, DiCristoforo
- 23 Reports Sent home
- 23 JUNE VIRTUE ASSEMBLY – 2:15
- 23 VanDenHoek Farms, Bernardi
- 24 VanDenHoek Farms, Dalton
- 24 Family Community Barbecue
- 23-25 Talent Show
- 25 Grade 8 all day barbecue at Park
- 26 Freezie Friday
- 26 School Year Ends

OUTREACH

Toonies for Autism	\$1535.35
ESK-OMI Missions	\$ 714.50
Share Life	\$ 700.00

Visit our *School Website* for Summer Learning Activities for Students.

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/NICHO>

HOLY FAMILY PARISH REMINDERS

Baptism for Children in School

Baptism is the first Sacrament of Initiation and it is the Sacrament that prepares us to celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist. If your child is **not baptized** or if your child was baptized in **another Christian Church** (Anglican, Lutheran, etc) and you would like your child to be a member of the Catholic Church please call the parish office at (905) 857-1938.

Preparing to Celebrate Confirmation, First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The immediate preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Eucharist and Reconciliation (Confession) is the responsibility of the **parents** and the **parish**. At Holy Family Parish all immediate preparation is held in the parish. It is important to attend the parish and to read the weekly bulletin so that you are informed about upcoming meetings and events. There will be information meetings for parents / guardians to explain the immediate preparation process for the Sacraments in September / October.

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